

Record Votes: Eighteen record votes were taken today. (Total—347)

Pages S13080, S13101–04, S13123–29, S13131–34, S13145

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 12:58 a.m., on Friday, November 17, 2005 and will reconvene at 8:15 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AVIAN INFLUENZA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of United States agriculture in the control and eradication of avian influenza, focusing on the healthcare system, antiviral drugs, and enhancement of quarantine stations, after receiving testimony from Ron DeHaven, Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture; Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Donald Waldrip, Wayne Farms, LLC, Oakwood, Georgia, on behalf of the National Chicken Council; S.H. Kleven, University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine Poultry Diagnostic and Research Center, Athens; Gretta Irwin, Iowa Turkey Federation, Ames, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation.

FINANCIAL PRODUCT SALES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a Government Accountability Office report on the sale of financial products to military personnel, focusing on actions needed to protect military members, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; John M. Molino, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy; Lori Richards, Director, Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; John Oxendine, Georgia Commissioner of Insurance, Atlanta; and Mary Schapiro, National Association of Securities Dealers, Washington, D.C.

AVIATION SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation concluded a hearing to examine the Federal Aviation Administration's efforts to maintain a high level of safety through a safety oversight system, after receiving testimony from Marion Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administra-

tion, and Kenneth Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation; John S. Carr, National Air Traffic Controllers Association, Basil J. Barimo, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., and Robert Roach, Jr., International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Christian A. Klein, Aeronautical Repair Station Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1110, to amend the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to require engine coolant and antifreeze to contain a bittering agent in order to render the coolant or antifreeze unpalatable, proposed Polar Bear Treaty, with amendments;

S. 2013, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to implement the Agreement on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population;

S. 1052, to improve transportation security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 65, to amend the age restrictions for pilots, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1102, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program for 3 years;

S. 517, to establish a Weather Modification Operations and Research Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 687, to regulate the unauthorized installation of computer software, to require clear disclosure to computer users of certain computer software features that may pose a threat to user privacy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of William E. Kovacic, of Virginia, J. Thomas Rosch, of California, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and a Coast Guard Promotion List.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1496, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a pilot program under which up to 15 States may issue electronic Federal migratory bird hunting stamps, with an amendment;

S. 1165, to provide for the expansion of the James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge, Honolulu County, Hawaii, with an amendment;

S. 2006, to provide for recovery efforts relating to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for Corps of Engineers projects, with an amendment;

S. 1708, to modify requirements relating to the authority of the Administrator of General Services to

enter into emergency leases during major disasters and other emergencies; and

S. 2015, to provide a site for construction of a national health museum.

NEW ORLEANS' LEVEES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the degree to which the preliminary findings on the failure of the levees are being incorporated into the restoration of hurricane protection, after receiving testimony from Daniel H. Hitchings, Regional Business Director, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Thomas F. Zimmie, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Environmental Engineering Department, Troy, New York, on behalf of National Science Foundation Investigative Team; Sherwood Gagliano, Coastal Environments, Inc., and Joseph N. Suhayda, Louisiana State University, both of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Larry Roth, American Society of Civil Engineers, Washington, D.C.; and Robert R.M. Verchick, Loyola University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana.

AFRICAN ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine cross-continental progress relating to African organizations and institutions, focusing on the African Union and African sub-regional organizations to advance freedom, peace, and prosperity in Africa, after receiving testimony from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs; Lloyd O. Pierson, Assistant Administrator for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Victoria K. Holt, The Henry L. Stimson Center, and Jennifer G. Cooke, Center for Strategic and International Studies, both of Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulations for the National Security Personnel System, focusing on the Department of Defense in partnership with the Office of Personnel Management, the establishment of a new civilian human resources management system to support the U.S. critical national security mission, after receiving testimony from Gordon R. England, Acting Deputy Secretary of Defense; Brad Bunn, Deputy Program Executive Officer, National Security Personnel System; Linda M. Springer, Director, and George Nesterchuk, Senior Advisor on Department of Defense, both of the Office of Personnel Management; David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO, on

behalf of the United Department of Defense Workers Coalition, and Ronald Ault, Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO, both of Washington, D.C.; Dan Schember, Association of Civilian Technicians, Lake Ridge, Virginia; and Michael B. Styles, Alexandria, Virginia.

TRIBAL LOBBYING MATTERS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee continued oversight hearings to examine In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, focusing on lobbying fraud, receiving testimony from Italia Federici, Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1789, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1961, to extend and expand the Child Safety Pilot Program;

S. 1354, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; and

The nominations of Joseph Frank Bianco, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Timothy Mark Burgess, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Gregory F. Van Tatenhove, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Eric Nicholas Vitaliano, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Kristi Dubose, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, W. Keith Watkins, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Virginia Mary Kendall, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Emilio T. Gonzalez, of Florida, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, and Catherine Lucille Hanaway, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, Department of Justice.

FUTURE ASBESTOS CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent developments in assessing

future asbestos claims under the FAIR Act, and S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, after receiving testimony from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Charles E. Bates, Bates White, LLC, and Laura Welch, Center to Protect Workers Rights, both of Washington, D.C.; Mark A. Peterson, Legal Analysis Systems, Thousand Oaks, California; Mark Lederer, Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust, Katonah, New York; and Denis Neumann Martin, National Economic Research Associates Consulting, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Dale W. Meyerrose, of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Prior to this action, committee concluded a closed hearing to examine the nomination of Dale W. Meyerrose, of Indiana, to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 4356–4386; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 73; H. Con. Res. 303–306; and H. Res. 561–562, 566–570, were introduced.

Pages H10908–09

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H10909–10

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–304);

H.R. 3889, to further regulate and punish illicit conduct relating to methamphetamine, with amendments (H. Rept. 109–299, Pt. 2);

Conference report on H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–305); and

H. Res. 563, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–306).

Conference report on H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–307);

H. Res. 564, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2528) making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military

construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–308); and

H. Res. 565, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3058) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006 (H. Rept. 109–309).

Pages H10790–H10893, H10908

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Paul C. Granillo, Director of Communications, Diocese of San Bernardino, California.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, November 16th:

Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19: H. Res. 500, amended, to Recognize the 60th anniversary of the disappearance of the 5 naval Avenger torpedo bombers of Flight 19 and the naval Mariner rescue aircraft sent to search for Flight 19, by a yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 597. **Pages H10516–17**

Further Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006: The House agreed to H.J. Res. 72, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006, by a yea and nay vote of 413 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 599.

Pages H10508–12, H10517–18, H10530–31